

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 702

By Doggett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Barry Alsup upon being named the 2019 County Service Officer of the Year – Middle Region by the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Barry Alsup, who was recently named the 2019 County Service Officer of the Year – Middle Region by the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services in recognition of his outstanding work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alsup has been a County Service Officer (CSO) for Giles County for nearly three years, during which time he has served as a tenacious advocate for veterans and their family members; one example of his steadfast commitment and assistance to veterans is the recent securing of a \$1.1 million retroactive award of benefits for a Tennessee veteran; and

WHEREAS, as a CSO, Barry Alsup has been instrumental in planning the county's annual Veterans Day ceremony; he is accredited by and actively engages with the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alsup traces his passion for assisting veterans and their families to his own military service in the United States Army; he served as a Fire Direction noncommissioned officer for Battery A, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Artillery, 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Command from April 23, 1969, to February 26, 1971, during which time he served for almost a year in Vietnam. He attained the rank of Specialist 5 before being honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Barry Alsup is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, two children, and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alsup epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Barry Alsup for his many contributions to Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Barry Alsup upon being named the 2019 County Service Officer of the Year – Middle Region by the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services, salute his exemplary military service and his tireless work with the veterans of this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.